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War News.

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NO PASSPORTS.

LONDON, Aug. 13. The first hint of the Government's attitude regarding the granting of passports to delegates to the Stockholm Conference was given during question time in the Commons to-day when A. J. Balfour, British Foreign Minister, in reply to a question asked by Joseph King, said, no passports had been granted to delegates to the Irish Trade Union Congress to attend the Stockholm Conference, and that none would be granted if applied for.

BELGIAN LAWYER TO ADDRESS AMERICAN BAR.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 13. Gaston Delavale, noted Belgian lawyer, who was counsel for the United States legation at Brussels and who acted as legal adviser for the English nurse Edith Cavell, who was executed by the Germans, arrived here to-day on a British ship. He comes to address the annual meeting of the American Bar Association at Saratoga in September, upon Prussian law as applied in Belgium.

ORDERS REVOKED.

BOSTON, Aug. 13. The orders closing this port between sunset and sunrise were revoked to-day by the Navy Department, it was announced by port officials.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13. A frontier correspondent sends telegraphic reports that terrific artillery fighting began yesterday evening in Belgium, between Ypres and the sea and that it showed no signs of diminishing to-day.



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GREECE AT WAR.

LONDON, Aug. 13. In reply to a question in the Commons to-day Foreign Secretary Balfour said Greece was now definitely at war with Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria. In a statement at the time of the assembling of the Greek Parliament last month, Premier Venizelos said Greece was in the war with the Entente. No formal declaration to this effect was considered necessary, the Venizelos Government, established at Salonika before the deposition of King Constantine, having declared war and placed troops in the field.

AIRPLANE EXPORT PROHIBITED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. Neutral countries have been pouring in orders for American airplanes at such a rate that an order has been issued prohibiting the export of aircraft except by license.

THE AIR RAID.

LONDON, Aug. 13. The text of the statement issued by the British Admiralty says: One hostile airplane of the Gotha type was destroyed during the return of the raiders to the Belgian coast, and one hostile seaplane was destroyed off the coast of Flanders at approximately the same time. A large number of naval machines engaged the other raiders over the sea without decisive result. The pilot who destroyed the Gotha and who was flying in a land machine reports he fired on and pursued an enemy airplane flying at 12,000 feet, from North Foreland to about 15 miles off Zeebrugge where he lost the hostile aircraft. Returning to the mouth of the Thames he observed anti-aircraft fire bursting in the vicinity of Southend. He flew in that direction climbing. He observed eight Gotha airplanes followed by four British machines steering northeast. The enemy machines were about 2,000 feet above him when he got beneath them. He pursued, climbing to 18,000 feet and attacked without result when about thirty miles seaward. At this moment he saw a single hostile machine 4,000 feet below the enemy formation, but flying with it. He attacked it from the front and drove the enemy into the water where he observed him turn over and saw one of the occupants hanging to the tail. He thereupon threw in his lifebelts, and did two or three circuits around him before returning to England. While returning he endeavored to communicate the position of the hostile machine to British destroyers.

MORE CHANGES.

LONDON, Aug. 13. In well informed circles, says the Times, further changes in the personnel of the Admiralty Board are expected shortly. Admiral Jellicoe, First Sea Lord, feels that he is in urgent need of rest. In the event of Admiral Jellicoe's resignation, says the newspaper, Admiral Sir David Beatty, Commander of the British Grand Fleet, probably may succeed him.

HIDDEN GERMAN WIRELESS STATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. Renewed reports of hidden German wireless stations or supply bases on the Mexican Gulf coast, may lead to a search of these waters by American warships. The reports to the State and Navy departments contain no confirmation of the report of the discovery of wireless stations on Lobos Island, and the coast of Campeche, but it was indicated that a careful scrutiny of the southern waters might be made for traces of German raiders and supply craft.

PACIFISTS HOLD DEMONSTRATION.

GLASGOW, Aug. 13. Pacifists in this city held a large open air demonstration yesterday to protest against the authorities ban on the conference convened by so-called workers, and soldiers' council, which is an off-shoot of the Pacifists' Independent Labor Party. James Ramsay MacDonald, Socialist Labor Member of Parliament, was received with cheers and waving of red flags when he arose to address the meeting. He said, we are called enemies of the soldiers, but in reality we are their greatest friends. Our enemies have tried to bamboozle the labor movement and prevent our delegates from going to Stockholm. They got their answer, and that answer was not for peace at any price but peace at democratic price that would settle the problem of Europe for ever and never call upon our women again to give up their children to death.

NOTHING TO REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 13. There is nothing special to report from the Franco-Belgian front, says to-day's official communication.

BULGARIAN KING INTERVIEWED.

BERLIN, Aug. 13. In the course of an interview with a Stuttgart editor, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who has been visiting the King of Wurttemberg, said, he believed the desires for expansion would continue to assert themselves in liberated Russia, and also that the smallest states must constantly be on their guard. The economic future of

his own country, the Bulgarian King said, was dependent upon close association with Germany and Austria-Hungary, which countries would prove ready markets for Bulgaria's agricultural products.

ROUMANIAN TOWN CAPTURED.

BERLIN, Aug. 13. Troops under Field Marshal von Mackensen yesterday captured the Roumanian town of Pantiu, a railroad junction in southern Moldavia which has been desperately defended by the Russo-Roumanian forces. The capture of the town is reported officially to-day by the German general staff.

MISSION ARRIVES.

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 13. The Japanese mission to the United States arrived here to-day headed by Viscount Ishi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and was received by a State Department representation and city officials.

THE SPANISH SITUATION.

MADRID, Aug. 13. The news to-day from the provinces indicated that railroad trains were running under almost normal conditions, following the strike of railroad employees on Friday night. Premier Dato says the Government has taken all measures to avert a general strike which it is reported the workers wish to undertake.

DIPLOMATS ON THE MOVE.

LONDON, Aug. 13. A despatch to the Times from Odessa dated Saturday, says the diplomatic body at Jassy, Roumania, was expected in Odessa yesterday, the situation being regarded as dangerous.

RAIDERS DESTROYED.

LONDON, Aug. 13. Two of the German machines which yesterday evening raided the English southeast coast watering places, were destroyed by British Naval airplanes. An official statement issued by the Government to-day says that one of the machines was a Gotha airplane and the other a seaplane.

SOCIALISTS' OPINION.

LONDON, Aug. 13. Commenting on the decision of the British Labor Conference to send delegates to the Socialist meeting at Stockholm, Yarrow, the Socialist organ of Berlin, says, according to a despatch: "We hope when the delegates arrive that they will understand their mission in quite a different spirit from that indicated by Henderson. They must understand that it is impossible for them to preach a continuation of the war. By giving the German minority Socialists additional evidence against the German Government one single discussion with the Germans will show the English how naive they are. This is an advance we hope for from the coming discussion, therefore, we rejoice in this step forward. It cannot remain the only step."

FRENCH SOCIALISTS.

PARIS, Aug. 13. After prolonged discussion the Permanent Administrative Committee of the French Socialist Party has adopted a resolution stating among other things that French Socialist delegates will go to the Stockholm Conference to demand that the government which will refuse to make known their war aims, and whether they are prepared to make reparation in accordance with the rights of the people, be made to do so by Socialist action.

STATEMENT EXPECTED FROM HENDERSON.

LONDON, Aug. 13. A statement by Arthur Henderson was expected to be made this afternoon in Parliament, and it was assumed that the Premier would reply immediately. It is reported that Henderson would demand the production of all communications between the British and Russian Governments with reference to the Stockholm conference, with a view to showing that the Premier put a wrong interpretation on the Russian telegram he quoted in his letter to Mr. Henderson. If the Commons endorses the demand a secret session is likely to be held for the communication of certain documents. Reference is being made in the morning papers to a telegram, which it is stated M. Kerensky, Russian Premier, sent to Albert Thomas, French Minister of Munitions, declaring that the Russian Government not only was not interested in the Stockholm meeting, but that Premier Kerensky himself hoped the conference would not be held.

COTTON SEED CROP PURCHASED.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug. 13. The Government has purchased the 1917-18 crop of Egyptian cotton seed.

BOWRING'S SHIPS. — Bowering's coastal steamers Portia and Prospero are sailing again for the Western and Northern routes, respectively, to-morrow morning. Both are taking big freights and full lists of passengers, mostly round-trippers.

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